

Remarks

Upon entry of a second Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith, claims 1-5, 12-17, 22-28, 32, 36, 39, 44, 46, 48, 49, 66, 67, 70, 88, 94-99, and 100 are pending in this application. In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2006, Applicant has elected Group I (claims 1-5, 12-17, 22, 24-28, 32, 36, 39, 44, 46, 48-49, 66-67, 95-99, and 100) and the species set forth in SEQ ID NO:313, wherein each * represents a phosphorothioate internucleotide linkage and each _ represents a phosphodiester internucleotide linkage, for examination. Claim 100 is included in Group I because it corresponds to original claim 45, which depends from a claim (claim 44) included in Group I by the examiner. Claims 1, 2, 12, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24, 26, 27, 44, 49, 66, 67, 97, 98, and 100 are believed to represent a grouping representative of the elected species.

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